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Transmitted herewith for filing is the UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of:

First Inventor Thomas A. Taylor
 Title of invention METHOD OF SHIELDING EFFLUENTS IN SPRAY DEVICES

1. Cancel Claims:

Filing Fee, calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT						
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	\$ RATE	\$ RATE	FEE CODE	
Basic fee				750	101	
Total claims	35	-20	15	x 18 = 525	103	
Independent claims	3	-3	0	x 84 = 0	102	
Multiple dependent claims(s) per Application (if applicable)			+ 280	= 0	104	
				Total filing fee \$ 1275		

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2440 (a **duplicate copy** of this Sheet is enclosed for this purpose):

- a. Filing Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16
- b. Processing Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17
- c. Issue Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18
2. Specification Total Pages: 42
3. Informal Formal drawings. Total Sheets: 4
4. a. New Declaration (Signed) X (Unsigned)
- b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
 see 37 C.F.R. §§1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. Microfiche.
7. Sequence Submission.
8. An Assignment transmittal letter and document or Assignment in parent case was recorded _____ Reel, Frame(s) _____
9. A Power of Attorney executed by the Inventor(s), Assignee (with 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement).
10. English Translation.
11. An Information Disclosure Statement.
 A list of references (Form PTO-1449).
 Copies of references.
12. Preliminary Amendment.
13. Postcards.
14. Other (specify).

15. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:
"This is a Continuation Division Continuation-in-Part of prior
U.S. Application(s) No. _____ Filing Date: _____ and which in turn is a
of Application No. _____
Filing Date _____"

16. Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group Art Unit _____

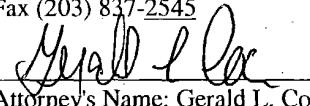
17. Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 120:
 The benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 is hereby claimed from the United States application(s) identified in Box 15 above.

18. Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119:
 The benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed from the following foreign application(s):

 Certified copy of Priority Document(s).

19. Please address all correspondence in connection with this application to:

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